

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

In some embodiments the material of substrate 48b can have further qualities of a "sponge-like" material. An opposite surface of the substrate 48b ~~46b~~ is coated with a methanol-impermeable layer 48c, which can be fabricated from materials such as a cross-linked rubber, a polymer/inorganic composite, a surface treated material such as surface fluorinated high density polyethylene, or other methanol-impermeable material.